

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment - After Non-Final Rejection of 02/14/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-31.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
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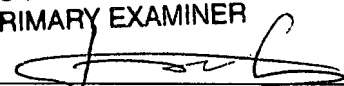
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.  
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

IGOR N. BORISSOV  
PRIMARY EXAMINER



***Response to Amendment***

Amendment received on 2/14/2007 is acknowledged and entered. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-31 are currently pending in the application.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 102 and 35 USC § 103 have been withdrawn due to the applicant's amendment.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 1-31 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per independent claim 1, the best prior art, Kuebert et al. teaches a method utilizing a computer system that enables a recipient to inform a carrier of the manner in which the recipient would like the mail delivered, comprising: depositing with the carrier mail containing the recipient's name and physical address and the sender's name and address; placing a unique number on the mail (automatic identification tag); capturing by electronic and optical means the name, physical address of the recipient and the sender, and the unique number; translating the name and physical address of the recipient into an e-mail address by checking a postal address database and the recipient's e-mail database; notifying the recipient electronically by the carrier of the availability of the deposited mail by the unique number assigned to the mail; notifying the carrier electronically by the recipient of the manner in which the recipient would like the mail delivered; delivering mail to the recipient by the carrier in the manner specified by the recipient to the carrier.

However, Kuebert et al. fails to teach or fairly suggest that said "notifying the recipient" step includes: notifying the recipient electronically by the carrier of the availability of the deposited mail by the unique number assigned to the mail by displaying to the recipient the name, physical address of the recipient and the sender and the unique number.

The best foreign art, Pintsov (EP1063602A1), while teaching a method for automatic notification of upcoming delivery of a mail item, fails to teach or fairly suggest that said automatic notification of upcoming delivery of a mail item includes: notifying the recipient electronically by the carrier of the availability of the deposited mail by the unique number assigned to the mail by displaying to the recipient the name, physical address of the recipient and the sender and the unique number.

The best NPL prior art, The Tacky Postcard Archive; Help & Information. The Internet printout, while teaching how to send and receive a card, fails to teach or fairly suggest notifying the recipient electronically by the carrier of the availability of the deposited mail by the unique number assigned to the mail by displaying to the recipient the name, physical address of the recipient and the sender and the unique number.

The remaining dependent claims are considered allowable, as they are dependent and based off of an allowable independent claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reason for Allowance".

***Conclusion***

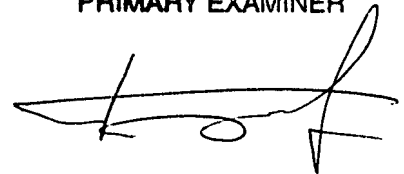
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Igor Borissov whose telephone number is 571-272-6801. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Hayes can be reached on 571-272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Igor N. Borissov', written over the printed name and title.